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TRANSCRIPT OF AUDIO RECORDING  
HEARING ON ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AGAINST  
SANDWICH ISLES COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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1 when Native Hawaiians living on Hawaiian Homelands did  
2 not have basic telephone service and no one would help  
3 them.

4 This time, all of the government actors are  
5 allowing HA-Tel to purchase parts of SIC assets without  
6 the obligation of serving any Native Hawaiians. The  
7 alternative is confirming Waimana's bid, which includes  
8 the obligation to continue to serve SIC's customers.

9 Acceptance of Hawaiian Tel's bid doomed the  
10 most vulnerable of SIC's customers to no service. Those  
11 customers living in or near urban areas have choices.  
12 SIC has been trying to get the FCC and DHHL to address  
13 this issue for years. Both have remained silent knowing  
14 without a solution, those vulnerable homesteaders, who  
15 have no options, after a few years will come to once  
16 again accept their fate and stop complaining. DHHL and  
17 the FCC would just wait them out.

18 Waimana was forced to choose between, one,  
19 continuing to fund SIC until Waimana also ran out of  
20 money so that SIC could continue to serve, bid for SIC's  
21 assets and continue service by enforcing the regulations  
22 that it now had -- once it now had clear title or,  
23 three, turn the responsibility to provide service back  
24 over to DHHL and the FCC to solve and use -- and solve  
25 -- turn the responsibility back to DHHL and the FCC to

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Dated this 21st day of June, 2024.

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